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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th December 1860.*

No. 251. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 3rd December 1860, No. 7,575 :—

SIR,

*No. 2,340, dated 30th Sept. 1859.
" 1,611, dated 28th July 1860.

Rs.	
11,000	
Deduct Establishment for a	
Calingulah, separately sanc-	
tioned...	1,040
	<u>9,960</u>

Rs.	
2,760	
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	<u>4,300</u>

Sanctioned 28th July 1860,
No. 1,611... .. 4,300

§ On the 1st May 1860.

1. With reference to the orders marginally* quoted, I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that in addition to the Estimate of Rupees 9,960,† for rebuilding the revetment of the Nellore tank, and to that of Rupees 4,300‡ for constructing a head sluice and calingulah to its supply channel, the Acting District Engineer has proceeded to execute an ordinary Estimate of Rupees 6,430, for repairs to the same tank and channel in the current year. This Estimate was commenced§ in anticipation of the Collector's sanction, which was granted on the 19th October 1860.

2. Feeling that this large expenditure on the above works was not warranted without the sanction of superior authority, I called on the Acting District Engineer to explain his proceedings, which he justifies by stating, that the works provided for, are quite distinct from those sanctioned by Government, and that sufficient authority existed for his carrying them out as "Repairs."

3. Considering the heavy expenditure on this tank in the three preceding years, viz., Rupees 7,623 in 1857-58, 15,270 in 1858-59 and Rupees 7,018 in 1859-60, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 29,941, the local authorities should not, in my opinion, have proceeded to execute a further large amount of work without reporting its necessity, and I think it right now to bring the same to the notice of Government, with a view to their sanction being granted to the outlay, which appears to have been for the most part necessary.

4. I would further remark that by a recent Circular I have provided that such proceedings shall not recur, and I have strictly prohibited the commencement of any work in anticipation of sanction by the Collector, except in cases of strict necessity, while, at the same time, I have ordered that all repair Estimates to Irrigation works, exceeding 2,000 Rupees in amount, shall be reported specially to the Central Office before being executed.

5. The works included in the present Estimate, are as follows :—

Rupees 1,556	13	0	for repairs to bund and gravelling surface.
" 3,168	8	0	repairing breaches in supply channel.
" 734	10	0	completing calingulah in Mulumudi Lodum.
" 676	14	0	repairing Corumba.
" 293	3	0	superintendence and sundries.

Total Rupees 6,430 0 0

The average annual revenue of the tank appears to be Rupees 18,386.

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1860, No. 2,603.

1. The Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer reported in this communication, and sanctions the Estimate for the repairs executed to the Nellore tank and the channel supplying the same, amounting to Rupees 6,136-13-0, exclusive of the charge Rupees 293-3-0 for superintendence, the necessity for which should be explained.

2. Colonel Horsley states that the outlay "appears to have been for the most part "necessary," he will of course satisfy himself in due course, that the whole of the work was actually necessary. Considering that Nellore is only 100 miles from Madras, the Estimate might easily have been submitted to the Chief Engineer before works were commenced.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of Public Works
Chepauk 3^d December 1860

N^o 7575.

Irrigation. From, Lieutenant Colonel M. W. Horsley,
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
To, J. D. Sim Esq^r
Acting Secretary to Government P. W.
Fort Saint George.

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5. The works included in the present estimate are as follows:-

Rupees 1536-13 for Repairs to bund and gravelling surfaces.
" 3168-8 Repairing breaches in supply Channel
" 731-10 Completing Calingulash in Mulundichodun
" 676-14 Repairing Corumba.
" 293-3 Superintendence and Sundries.
Rupees 6430-0 Total.

The average Annual Revenue of the Tank appears to be Rupees 18,386.

Central Office of P.M.
Chepank
30 December 1860
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27 Chief Eng. C.C.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant

W. Horsley Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineer D.P.M.

J. D. Sin Esq.
Acting Secretary to Government P.M.D.
Fort St George.

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